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INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4242

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNGA, CY, TU

SUBJECT: GENERAL ASSEMBLY: RECONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS ITEM

REF: A) STATE 260801; B) USUN 4225

1. TURKISH MISSION COUNSELOR ULUCEVIK REACTED PREDICTABLY TO US INTENTION OF ABSTAINING ON RECONSIDERATION MOTION WHICH TURKEY PLANS TO INTRODUCE ON NOVEMBER 7. ULCEVIK CLARIFIED, HOWEVER, THAT TURKEY DOES NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION ON ALLOCATION OF ITEM, BUT RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM TO ALLOW TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK IN PLENARY. TURKEY CONSIDERS ALLOCATION QUESTION CLOSED; IT IS NOW REQUESTING THE PLENARY TO INVITE A TURKISH CYPRIOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE AND IN ORDER TO DO SO, THE ITEM MUST BE RECONSIDERED.

2. WHILE TURKEY REALIZES THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ITEM IN ORDER TO REQUEST INVITATION TO TURKISH CYPRIOT WOULD NOT GARNER THE REQUIRED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY, IT CONSIDERS THIS ACTION AS AN "IMPORTANT POLITICAL
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GESTURE." ANKARA VIEWS THE VOTING NOT UNLIKE THE WAY FOOTBALL FANS VIEW THE SCOREBOARD. ULUCEVIK URGED THAT THE US CONSIDER AGAIN ITS POSITION OF ABSTENTION. TO OUR QUERY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ANKARA AGREEING NOT TO PRESS FOR RECONSIDERATION, ULUCEVIK SAID HE DID NOT THINK THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT ANKARA WOULD PULL BACK. HE ADDED THAT THE TURKISH MISSION RECOMMENDED AGAINST

REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION IN THE PLENARY BUT ANKARA
OVERRULED IT.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE TO STAY NEUTRAL IN
THIS PROCEDURAL WRANGLE AND OUR OPPOSITION TO A TURK
CYPRIOT ADDRESSING THE PLENARY, WE SUGGEST OUR POSITION
ON RECONSIDERATION MOTION REMAIN THAT OF ABSTENTION.
BETTER STILL WOULD BE TURKISH ACQUIESCENCE IN THE FACE OF
A SURE DEFEAT NOT TO INSIST ON A POLITICAL GESTURE AND
THUS NOT TO PRESS FOR A RECONSIDERATION VOTE.
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